

MESSENGERS IN THE HOUSE POST-OFFICE.

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Mr. CURRIER, from the Committee on Accounts, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany H. Res. No. 798.]

The Committee on Accounts, to whom was referred House resolution No. 798, have had the same under consideration and recommend its adoption.

This resolution provides for payment out of the contingent fund of the House, to continue the employment of 7 messengers in the House post-office, from the end of the present session until December 1, 1910, at the rate of compensation now provided. At the end of the first session of this Congress provision was made to continue 6 of the session messengers in the post-office during the recess, and the resolution herewith reported differs therefrom only to the extent of continuing 1 additional messenger. There are 14 session messengers in the House post-office, and by continuing 7 messengers on the roll during the recess the postmaster will be enabled equitably to divide the force and the time, as shown in his letter attached hereto.

For the reasons stated by the postmaster, the resolution is reported favorably.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, UNITED STATES,
OFFICE OF POSTMASTER,
Washington, D. C., June 20, 1910.

I beg leave to call your attention to the resolution now before you, introduced by Mr. Tawney, providing for the usual assistance with which to properly care for the work in this department during the approaching recess of Congress.

I suggested to Mr. Tawney an extra messenger, as compared with one and two years ago, and I hope the reasons which appealed to him may find favor with you, namely, that on account of the campaign and the unusual amount of heavy mail, which bids fair to continue during the summer, an extra man should be placed on the heavy mail wagon.

Another reason why I ask for 7 instead of 6 men, as heretofore, is that there are 14 session messengers in the House post-office, and getting just half that number for recess work enables me to divide the time equally between them, thus relieving me of the embarrassment and apparent injustice of selecting 12 out of the 14, thus arbitrarily excluding 2, when all are equally deserving of recognition.

I sincerely hope that your committee may act on this resolution before adjournment. Failure to do so will seriously cripple the service.

Very respectfully,

S. A. LANGUM, *Postmaster.*

The COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTS.

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